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For: Endotracheal Catheter And Manifold Assembly With Improved Valve

Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on July 1, 2003, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on October 1, 2003. Applicants filed a response to the office action on October 24, 2003 with a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time. An Advisory Action mailed November 24, 2003 indicated that the period for reply expires four (4) months of the mailing date of the final rejection. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on November 1, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until January 1, 2004.

Please charge the \$420.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

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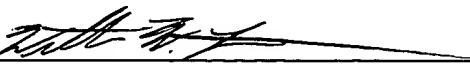
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